



Welcome to Decatur County Highlights

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SUMMARY OF DECATUR COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

Decatur County's population estimate for 2004 was 24,970, up 1.7 percent from the 2000 Census total. During this same time period, Indiana's total 2004 estimated population of 6,237,569 was up by 2.6 percent.

According to the 2000 Census 12,609 people twenty-five years of age or over were high school graduates and/or had post-high school education. That represented 79.1 percent of the twenty-five and up county population. Of that population, 1,829 or 11.5 percent were four year college graduates or greater. In 2004, of the 210 persons graduating high school that year, 210 or 73.9 percent intended to go on to higher education.

A total of 3,814 workers or 20.7 percent of the workforce commuted into the county in 2003. Ripley County was sending the most workers into Decatur County. Conversely, 2,959 or 16.9 percent of the labor force commuted to work outside of the county. Bartholomew County received the most workers from Decatur County.

The estimated average unemployment rate for 2004 was 5.3 percent, above Indiana's annual average of 5.2 percent. The county's unemployment rate was based on an estimated average residential labor force of 12,570. Of that labor force 11,900 were employed and 670 were unemployed.

For the year 2004 there were 12,345 jobs at industries within the county. The largest employing industry in the county was manufacturing with 40.4 percent of the total industry employment and trade, transportation and utilities second at 15.7 percent. The industry showing the most growth in workers over a three year period (since 2001) was education and health services increasing by 244 workers or 17.6 percent above 2001. Fourteen and seven-tenths percent of employers in the county employed 20 or more workers and those represented 78.5 percent of all employment.

The all industry average 2004 earnings for the county was \$29,647 per year versus Indiana's \$34,693. The county average wage was an increase of 13.0 percent over the 2001 county industry average wage. None of Decatur County's 11 industry supersectors (including government) had annual average earnings greater than the Indiana average for those industries. The county's manufacturing industry had the highest average earnings at \$37,342 per year, with information second at \$33,320, while the industry with the lowest annual earnings number was leisure and hospitality services at \$10,080. The same industries statewide paid an average \$47,638, \$43,315 and \$13,875 per year, respectively.

POPULATION

DECATUR COUNTY AND CITY POPULATION

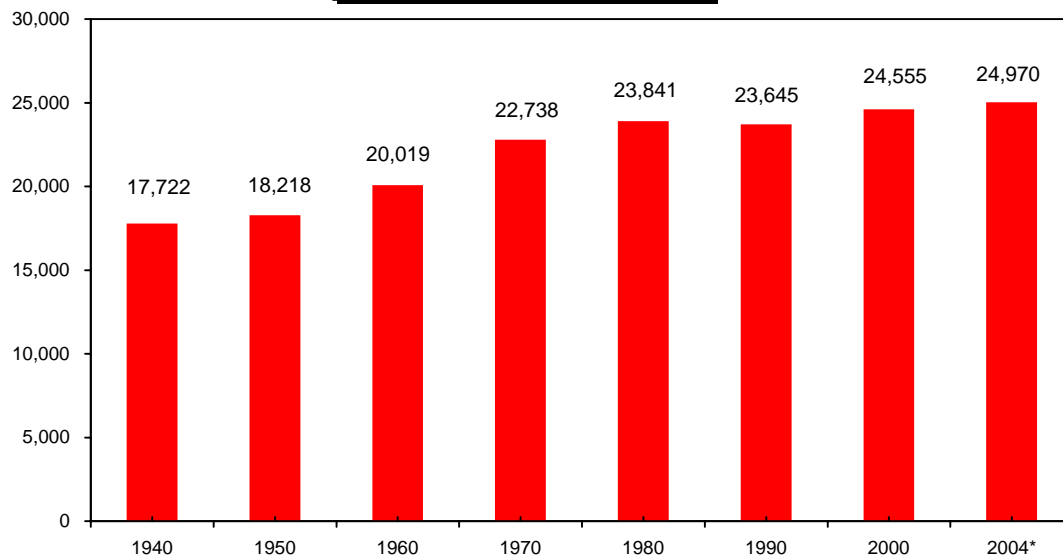
COUNTY & Cities/Towns	1990 CENSUS	2000 CENSUS	2004* POPULATION ESTIMATES	NUMERICAL CHANGE FROM 2000-2004	PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2000-2004
DECATUR CO	23,645	24,555	24,970	415	1.7%
GREENSBURG	9,286	10,260	10,462	202	2.0%
MILLHOUSEN	151	136	134	(2)	-1.5%
NEW POINT	296	290	286	(4)	-1.4%
ST. PAUL	1,032	1,022	1,018	(4)	-0.4%
WESTPORT	1,478	1,515	1,495	(20)	-1.3%

DECATUR COUNTY POPULATION

YEAR	POPULATION	NUMERICAL CHANGE	% CHANGE
1940	17,722	414	2.4%
1950	18,218	496	2.8%
1960	20,019	1,801	9.9%
1970	22,738	2,719	13.6%
1980	23,841	1,103	4.9%
1990	23,645	(196)	-0.8%
2000	24,555	910	3.8%
2004*	24,970	415	1.7%

* population estimate

DECATUR COUNTY POPULATION



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1940-1990 Census and Stats Indiana 2000 Census and 2004 Population Estimate

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

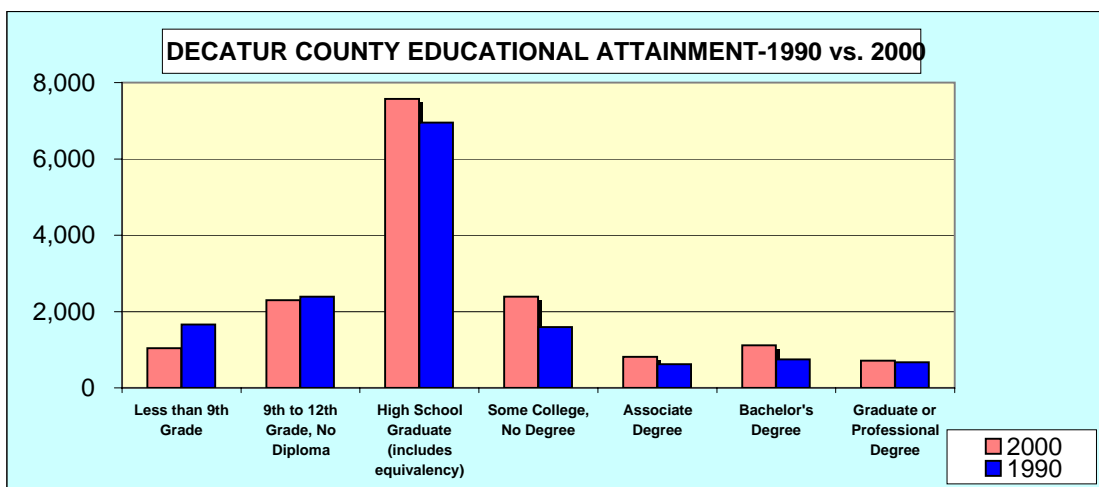
DECATUR COUNTY

2004 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES HIGHER EDUCATION INTENT

EDUCATION INTENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Graduates	284	100.0%
Total to Higher Education	210	73.9%
Four-Year Institution	158	55.6%
Two-Year Institution	26	9.2%
Vocation/Tech. Institution	26	9.2%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER

EDUCATION LEVEL	1990	% IN 1990	2000	% IN 2000
Less than 9th Grade	1,660	11.4%	1,038	6.5%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	2,386	16.3%	2,301	14.4%
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	6,950	47.5%	7,573	47.5%
Some College, No Degree	1,593	10.9%	2,390	15.0%
Associate Degree	621	4.2%	817	5.1%
Bachelor's Degree	748	5.1%	1,119	7.0%
Graduate or Professional Degree	667	4.6%	710	4.5%
TOTAL - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER	14,625	100%	15,948	100%



Sources: Indiana Business Research Center, Stats Indiana and U.S. Census Bureau.

COMMUTING PATTERNS

DECATUR COUNTY COMMUTING PATTERNS

Number of persons who live in Decatur County and work (labor force)	17,511
Number of persons who live in Decatur County and work in Decatur County	14,582
Number of persons who live out of and work in Decatur County	3,814
Total number of persons who work in Decatur County (work force)	18,396

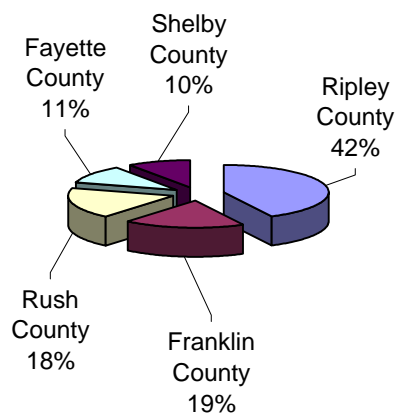
Top five counties sending workers INTO Decatur County:

Ripley County	1,199
Franklin County	523
Rush County	522
Fayette County	304
Shelby County	274
Total of above	2,822 equals 15.3% of work force

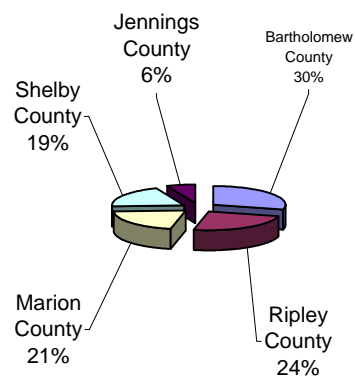
Top five counties receiving workers FROM Decatur County:

Bartholomew County	681
Ripley County	566
Marion County	487
Shelby County	452
Jennings County	149
Total of above	2,335 equals 13.3% of labor force

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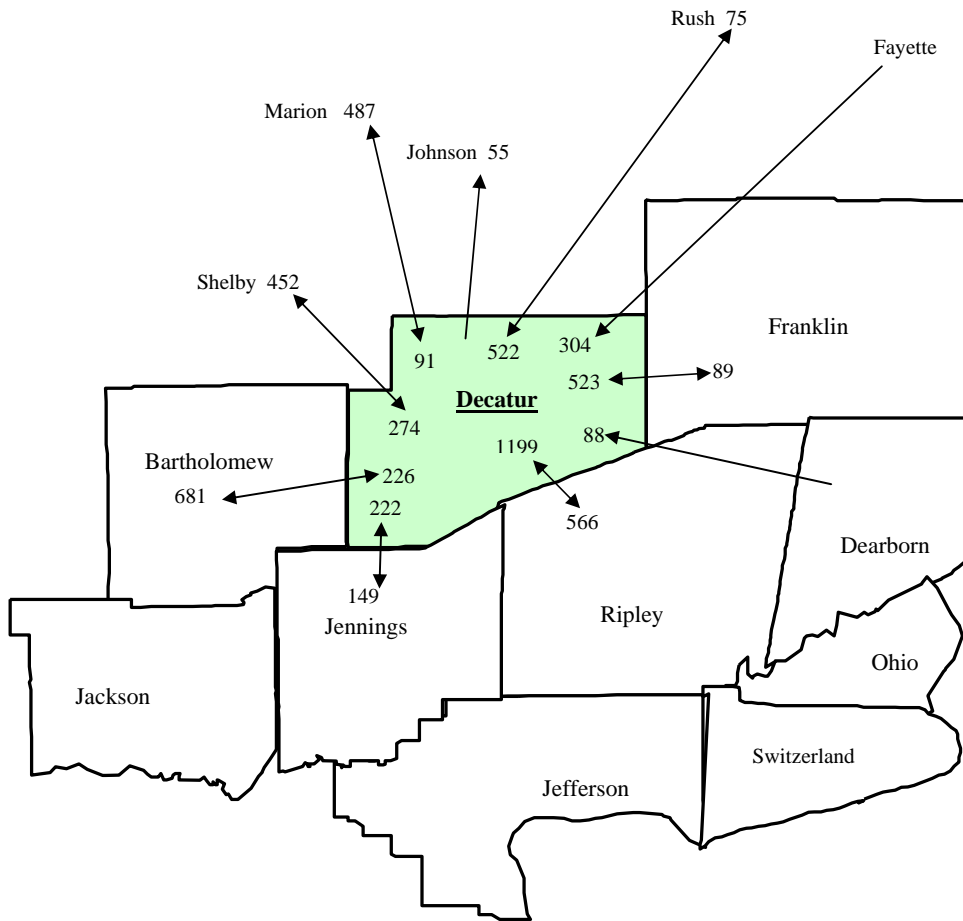


Top five counties receiving workers FROM Decatur County:



COMMUTING PATTERNS MAP

DECATUR COUNTY



Data source: Indiana Dept. of Revenue IT-40 Returns for Tax Year 2003. Report generated by STATS Indiana, January 26, 2005. Counts of under 50 are not included. Commuters to/ from IL, MI, KY, OH, WI, and PA are reported separately and are not included in the 'Out of State' category.

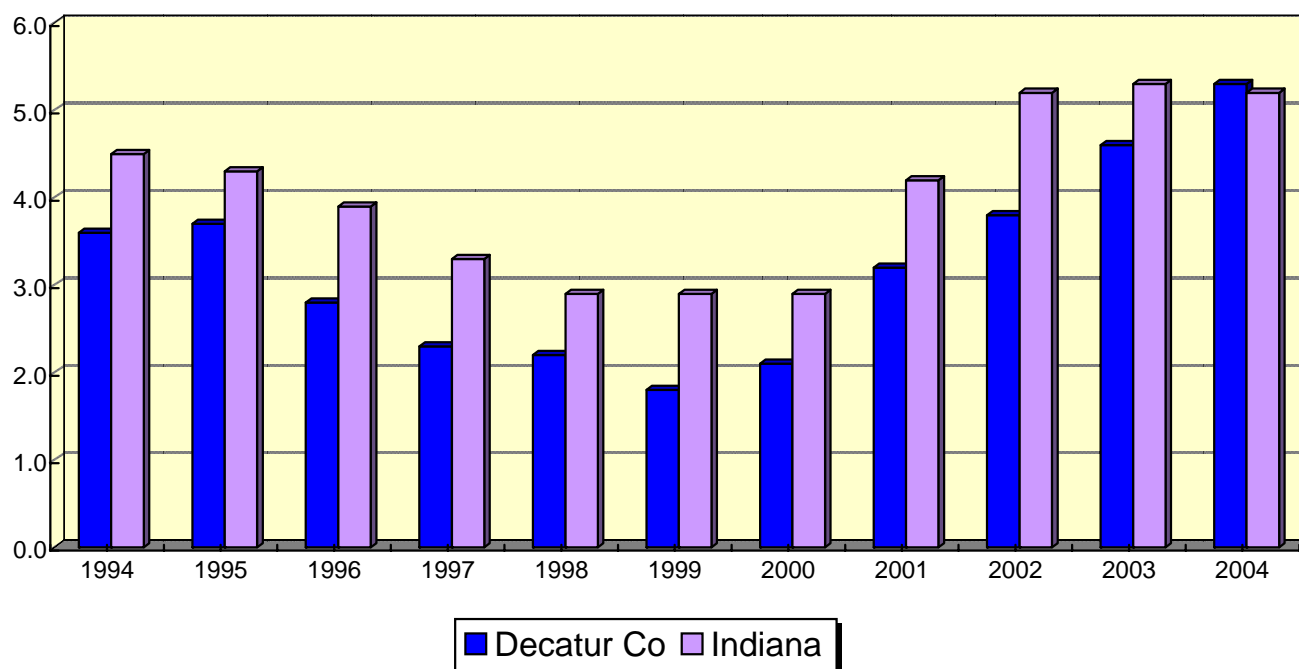
LABOR FORCE INFORMATION

DECATUR COUNTY LABOR FORCE

(1994 - 2004)

YEAR	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	Decatur Co RATE	Indiana RATE
1994	15,160	14,620	540	3.6	4.5
1995	15,340	14,770	570	3.7	4.3
1996	15,330	14,900	430	2.8	3.9
1997	16,350	15,970	380	2.3	3.3
1998	16,100	15,750	350	2.2	2.9
1999	17,180	16,870	310	1.8	2.9
2000	13,500	13,210	290	2.1	2.9
2001	13,040	12,630	410	3.2	4.2
2002	13,360	12,850	510	3.8	5.2
2003	12,480	11,900	580	4.6	5.3
2004	12,570	11,900	670	5.3	5.2

AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
Decatur County vs. Indiana 1994-2004



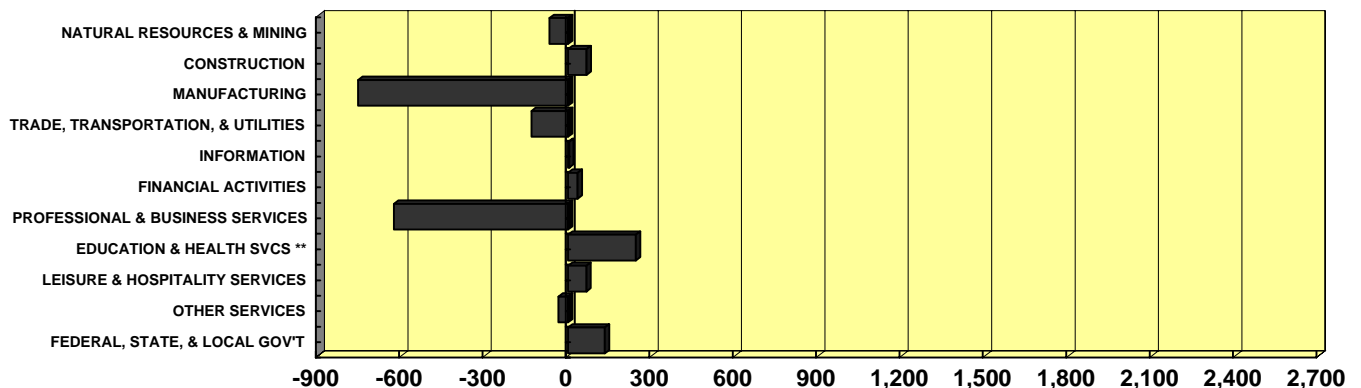
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis,
Local Area Unemployment Statistics, and U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Reflects new modeling approach and reestimation as of March 2005.

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

DECATUR COUNTY EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*	2004 NO. OF FIRMS	AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT				NUMERICAL CHANGE 2001-2004	PERCENT CHANGE 2001-2004
		2001	2002	2003	2004		
ALL INDUSTRIES **	609	13,947	13,917	12,448	12,345	-1,602	-11.5%
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	22	290	273	275	223	-67	-23.1%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting				Confidential			
Mining				Confidential			
CONSTRUCTION	65	255	268	292	322	67	26.3%
MANUFACTURING	56	5,742	5,602	5,338	4,987	-755	-13.1%
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES	168	2,065	2,069	2,004	1,933	-132	-6.4%
Wholesale Trade	30	347	343	354	372	25	7.2%
Retail Trade	98	1,459	1,451	1,357	1,285	-174	-11.9%
Transportation & Warehousing	35	202	216	233	211	9	4.5%
Utilities	6	58	60	60	65	7	12.1%
INFORMATION	4	104	116	122	108	4	3.8%
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	47	319	334	350	353	34	10.7%
Finance & Insurance	28	199	218	250	269	70	35.2%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	19	119	116	100	84	-35	-29.4%
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	54	1,831	2,260	914	1,205	-626	-34.2%
Professional & Technical Services				Confidential			
Management of Companies & Enterprises				Confidential			
Administrative & Waste Services	23	1,617	2,023	654	932	-685	-42.4%
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES **	57	1,387	1,481	1,547	1,631	244	17.6%
Educational Services **	10	506	526	534	546	40	7.9%
Health Care & Social Assistance **	46	881	955	1,012	1,086	205	23.3%
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SERVICES	57	766	776	875	832	66	8.6%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	6	66	57	58	59	-7	-10.6%
Accommodation & Food Services	51	700	719	817	773	73	10.4%
OTHER SERVICES	48	300	301	291	265	-35	-11.7%
FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	39	1,300	1,335	1,365	1,432	132	10.2%

Change in Decatur County Industry Employment 2001 To 2004



* NAICS - North American Industry Classification System. ** Includes private and government employment in this industry.

Confidential = Data suppressed due to confidentiality restrictions.

Notes: 1. Data may not add to total due to rounding, suppression of confidential numbers, inclusion of unclassified data, and duplication of government employment numbers. 2. Industries listed are "private industry" unless otherwise noted.

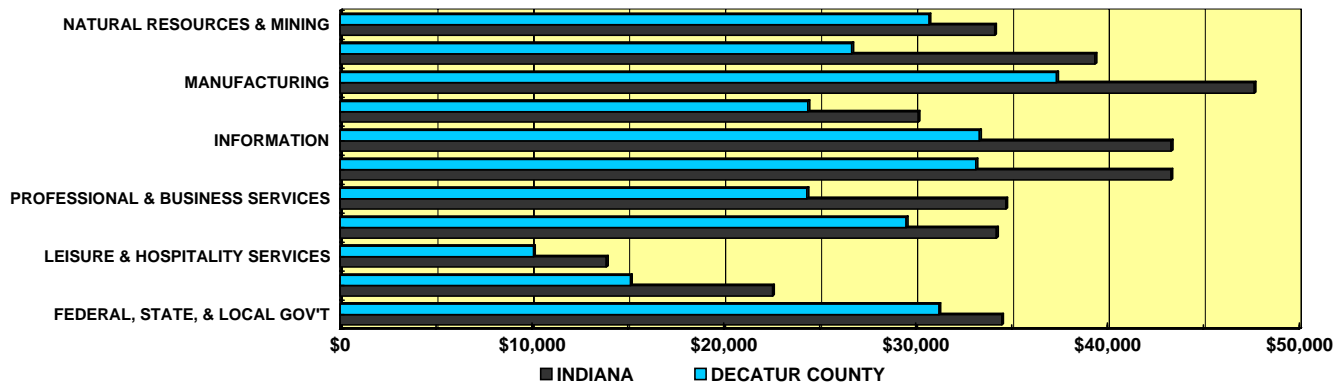
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment

INDUSTRY EARNINGS

DECATUR COUNTY EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*	DECATUR COUNTY				CHANGE 2001 to 2004		INDIANA 2004 WAGES	2004 DECATUR % DIFFERENCE FROM INDIANA
	2001 WAGES	2002 WAGES	2003 WAGES	2004 WAGES	DOLLARS	PERCENT		
ALL INDUSTRIES**	\$26,147	\$26,857	\$28,591	\$29,647	\$3,500	13.4%	\$34,693	-17.0%
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	\$28,344	\$30,148	\$30,090	\$30,695	\$2,351	8.3%	\$34,117	-11.1%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting			Confidential				\$25,490	
Mining			Confidential				\$49,836	
CONSTRUCTION	\$24,975	\$26,865	\$26,499	\$26,667	\$1,692	6.8%	\$39,343	-47.5%
MANUFACTURING	\$32,933	\$34,714	\$35,053	\$37,342	\$4,409	13.4%	\$47,638	-27.6%
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES	\$22,508	\$23,148	\$23,855	\$24,382	\$1,874	8.3%	\$30,126	-23.6%
Wholesale Trade	\$31,405	\$31,377	\$31,793	\$32,899	\$1,494	4.8%	\$46,107	-40.1%
Retail Trade	\$18,204	\$19,309	\$19,705	\$19,000	\$796	4.4%	\$21,445	-12.9%
Transportation & Warehousing	\$32,148	\$30,301	\$30,644	\$35,853	\$3,705	11.5%	\$35,135	2.0%
Utilities	\$44,048	\$43,417	\$44,536	\$44,965	\$917	2.1%	\$62,844	-39.8%
INFORMATION	\$27,210	\$26,662	\$28,499	\$33,320	\$6,110	22.5%	\$43,315	-30.0%
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	\$30,136	\$29,982	\$32,284	\$33,141	\$3,005	10.0%	\$43,304	-30.7%
Finance & Insurance	\$36,904	\$35,855	\$37,055	\$36,704	-\$200	-0.5%	\$48,404	-31.9%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	\$18,830	\$18,997	\$20,371	\$21,668	\$2,838	15.1%	\$28,852	-33.2%
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	\$16,684	\$17,366	\$24,825	\$24,334	\$7,650	45.9%	\$34,701	-42.6%
Professional & Technical Services			Confidential				\$45,324	
Management of Companies & Enterprises			Confidential				\$66,811	
Administrative & Waste Services	\$14,685	\$15,577	\$21,801	\$21,378	\$6,693	45.6%	\$22,727	-6.3%
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES **	\$28,276	\$28,441	\$29,024	\$29,504	\$1,228	4.3%	\$34,206	-15.9%
Educational Services **	\$32,473	\$32,545	\$32,817	\$34,294	\$1,821	5.6%	\$33,107	3.5%
Health Care & Social Assistance **	\$25,868	\$26,183	\$27,022	\$27,095	\$1,227	4.7%	\$34,965	-29.0%
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SERVICES	\$9,301	\$9,914	\$9,780	\$10,080	\$779	8.4%	\$13,875	-37.6%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	\$11,958	\$12,231	\$11,482	\$12,147	\$189	1.6%	\$25,802	-112.4%
Accommodation & Food Services	\$9,051	\$9,729	\$9,658	\$9,921	\$870	9.6%	\$11,574	-16.7%
OTHER SERVICES	\$13,792	\$14,206	\$14,044	\$15,137	\$1,345	9.8%	\$22,543	-48.9%
FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	\$28,115	\$28,895	\$29,670	\$31,214	\$3,099	11.0%	\$34,484	-10.5%

Decatur County and State of Indiana 2004 Earnings comparison



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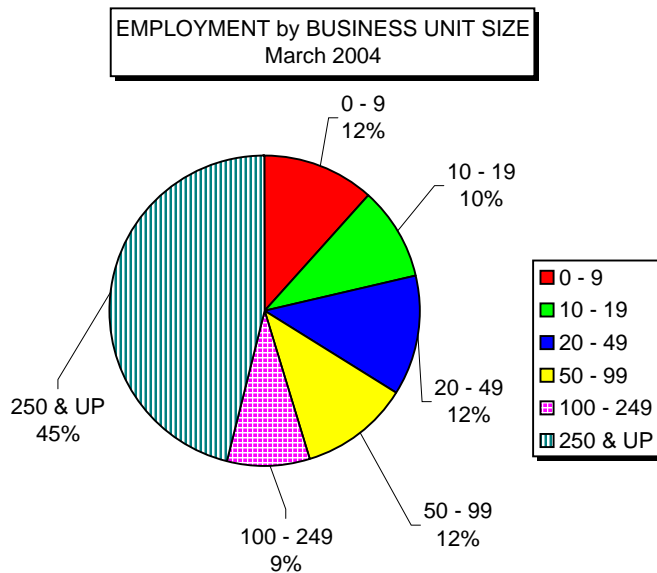
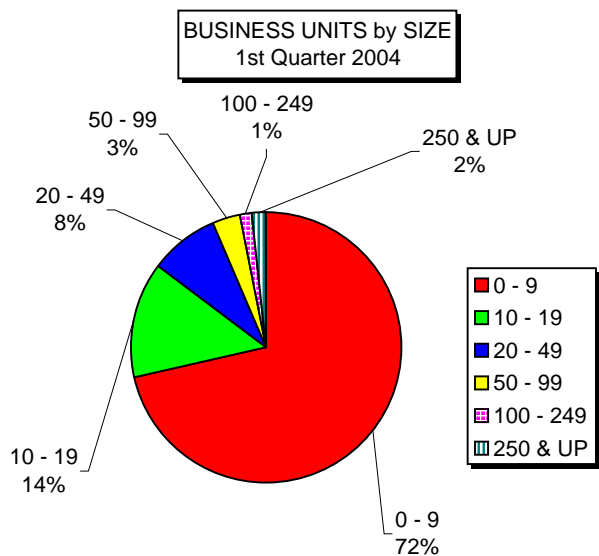
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment

FIRMS & EMPLOYMENT by SIZE

DECATUR COUNTY FIRMS and EMPLOYMENT by SIZE

UNIT SIZE (Number Employed)	NUMBER of BUSINESS UNITS 1ST QUARTER 2004	EMPLOYMENT by BUSINESS UNIT SIZE MARCH 2004
0 - 9	437	1,401
10 - 19	85	1,170
20 - 49	51	1,484
50 - 99	20	1,384
100 - 249	8	1,026
250 & UP	11	5,514
TOTAL	612	11,979

Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.



Source: Covered Employment, Research & Analysis, Strategic Research & Development, Indiana Department of Workforce Development



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TECHNICAL NOTES

For over sixty years, industry information has been compiled using the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system. Since 1993, the industry data tables in this publication were classified by SIC.

Beginning with the 2002 issue of the Highlights report, new industry data tables are based upon the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

Developed jointly by the United States, Canada and Mexico to produce comparable data, NAICS was introduced in 1997 to replace the SIC system. Because of its' scope and complexity, the transition to NAICS has taken three years to complete and is now effective beginning with 2001.

NAICS provides a more specific classification system reflecting the economy's changing industrial composition. NAICS focuses on *how* products and services are created, as opposed to the SIC focus on *what* is produced.

This reorganization has created breaks in the industrial classification time series. Even though, for example, the Manufacturing industry group is still listed, the current statistical data for Manufacturing may not be comparable to what was previously shown.

Example: An industrial machine company has its employment offices in a separate building. Those workers may now be listed in the Professional and Business Services industry under NAICS, rather than in Manufacturing. The same is possible for other industries.

NAICS uses a six digit hierarchical coding system to classify all economic activity. NAICS-United States allows for the identification of 1,170 industries compared to the 1,004 found in the SIC system. NAICS classifications are reviewed every three years. For purposes of this publication we will be classifying economic activities into 11 NAICS 'super sectors' and 15 NAICS sectors.

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The following is a listing of the NAICS 'super sectors' we will be using:

Natural Resources & Mining includes agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining.

Construction

Manufacturing

Trade, Transportation & Utilities includes wholesale and retail trade, utilities, transportation, and warehousing.

Information includes publishing, motion pictures, sound recording, broadcasting, Internet publishing, telecommunications, ISPs, search portals, data processing, news syndicates, libraries, and archives.

Financial Activities includes finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing.

Professional & Business Services includes professional, scientific, and technical services, management of companies and enterprises, administrative/support, and waste management and remediation services.

Education & Health Services includes educational and health services, health care, and social assistance.

Leisure & Hospitality includes arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services.

Other Services includes repair, maintenance, personal, laundry services and religious, grant making, civic, social, and professional organizations and private households.

Federal, State & Local Government includes total government employment.

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